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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, ICAPS.

Reference the attached Proposed Note on Psychological Operations, and with particular reference to the Proposed Directive To the Director of Central Intelligence.

a. We should indicate agreement with the proposed directive to the DCI, with the exception of the wording in paragraph 3.b., and under the condition that the "Panel" mentioned in Par. 3.a., was composed of a high level group not concerned with operational techniques. I personally feel that the "Panel" might well be the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the addition of the Assistant Secretary of State under whose supervision the completely overt operations are conducted. If this method were adopted it would always provide an easy transition from a peace to a war or emergency basis.

b. From the standpoint of security with regard to all our foreign operations, it would be most desirable if the wording of Par. 3.b., of the proposed Directive to the DCI, were worded as follows:

"b. The senior U. S. diplomatic representative in each area, and the commander in each occupied area, will be kept informed of psychological operations being conducted or planned to be conducted in areas under their jurisdiction."

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